

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1           1.       (Currently Amended) A cathode structure comprising:  
2                   a heater including a columnar electric insulating material body and a heating wire  
3       that is partially buried in the electric insulating material body; and[[;]]  
4                   a cathode unit disposed at a first end surface of the electric insulating material  
5       body including a metal cup and a pellet member supported in the metal cup, the pellet member  
6       containing an electron-emitting material, wherein  
7                   the heating wire leads out from a second end surface of the electric insulating  
8       material body.

1           2.       (Original) A cathode structure according to Claim 1, wherein  
2                   the electric insulating material body includes a wall disposed on the second end  
3       surface so as to surround a position from which the heating wire leads out.

1           3.       (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 2, wherein the  
2       wall is disposed around a perimeter of the second end surface,  
3                   the second end surface surrounded by the wall rises in a dome shape, and  
4                   the heating wire leads out from a position between the wall and a center of the  
5       second end surface.

1           4.       (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 1, wherein the  
2       electric insulating material body is in a circular columnar shape, and includes a part that has a  
3       greater diameter than that of the second end surface.

1           5.     (Previously Presented) A cathode structure comprising:

2                     a heater including a columnar electric insulating material body and a heating wire  
3     that is partially buried in the electric insulating material body and leads out from a side surface  
4     thereof; and

5                     a cathode unit disposed at one of an end surface of the electric insulating material  
6     body, and emitting electrons from a surface of the cathode unit when heated by the heater, the  
7     cathode unit includes a metal cup and a pellet member containing an electron-emitting material  
8     supported in the metal cup, wherein

9                     the electric insulating material body includes a protrusion disposed on the side  
10    surface between a position from which the heating wire leads out and the surface of the cathode  
11    unit from which electrons are emitted.

1           6.     (Original) An electron gun including a cathode structure according to Claim 1.

1           7.     (Original) A cathode ray tube including an electron gun according to Claim 6.

1           8.     (Original) An electron gun including a cathode structure according to Claim 5.

1           9.     (Original) A cathode ray tube including an electron gun according to Claim 8.

1           10.    (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 1 wherein the  
2     electron-emitting material contains barium oxide.

1           11.    (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 1 wherein the  
2     electric insulating material body is made of ceramic.

1           12.   (Currently Amended) A cathode structure according to Claim 1 ~~wherein~~ further  
2   comprising a supporting metal wire attached to the cathode structure between the metal cup and  
3   the heater.

1           13.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 12 wherein a  
2   plurality of supporting metal wires are attached to the cathode structure between the metal cup  
3   and the heater and extend outward from the side of the cathode structure.

1           14.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 13 wherein the  
2   heater wire is coiled into an S shape when viewed perpendicular to an axis through the cathode  
3   structure.

1           15.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 1 wherein the  
2   columnar electric insulating material body has a trapezoidal cross-sectional shape.

1           16.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 1 wherein the  
2   columnar electric insulating material body has a cylinder shape with a lower extending annular  
3   wall surrounding the exit of the heating wire from the second end surface.

1           17.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 5 wherein the  
2   electron-emitting material contains barium oxide.

1           18.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 5 wherein the  
2   electric insulating material body is made of ceramic.

1           19.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 5 wherein further  
2   comprising a supporting metal wire attached to the cathode structure between the metal cup and  
3   the heater.

1           20.   (Currently Amended) A cathode structure for an electron gun comprising:  
2               a metal cylindrical open cup with a columnar pellet mounted in the metal cup, the  
3   columnar pellet ~~[[is]]~~ contained within an inner diameter of the metal cup and ~~extends~~ extending  
4   above the metal cup to emit electrons;

5               a columnar electric insulating material body ~~includes~~ including a heating wire  
6   with electrode leads extending from one end of the body; and

7               a plurality of support wires ~~[[are]]~~ attached to the cathode structure between a  
8   bottom of the metal cup and a surface of another end of the columnar electric insulating material  
9   body, to extend laterally outward from the bottom of the metal cup, wherein heat from the  
10   heating wire is transmitted to the metal cup to enable the columnar pellet to emit electrons, the  
11   columnar electric insulating material body ~~[[has]]~~ having a lower extending annular wall  
12   surrounding the electrode leads to suppress the electron emitting material from attaching to the  
13   electrode leads.

1           21.   (Previously Presented) A cathode structure according to Claim 20 wherein  
2   barium oxide is the electron emitting material in the columnar pellet, and a surface of the  
3   columnar pellet above the metal cup is covered with an osmium-ruthenium thin film.